

## Glenda Wiles

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**From:** Rick Fuhrman [rickfuhrman@rkymtn.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2007 11:32 AM  
**To:** Glenda Wiles  
**Subject:** FW: Land Use Subcommittee canceled

Commissioners

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Rick Fuhrman

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rick Fuhrman [mailto:rickfuhrman@rkymtn.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2007 10:16 AM  
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Anthony

This is follow up on my phone message.

This is the third time LUS has been cancelled because planning department not being able to follow up in a timely manner. We are told that Karen Hughes, Planning Director has been tied up with litigation issues which I have no reason to doubt. Meanwhile zoning is not moving forward.

Based on my first hand experience at the LUS meetings work has been done such that zoning regulations and accompanying matrix as revised by LUS are ready for prime time – public posting and initial use at local citizen meetings. What would be the 4<sup>th</sup> draft awaits finalization in presentable form by Karen who appears to have no resources to back her up when other Planning Director duties are given priority. County has lost at least three weeks if not more.

Although Karen Hughes has asked for additional resources in next budget I do not know if she has asked for resources and been turned down by commissioners to break current deadlock.

Several Florence area citizen meetings on zoning have been scheduled and held subsequent to the initial kickoff meetings. There has been no planning department representation at any of these subsequent meetings. (As per Ben Hillicoss)

Amongst my concerns is the fact that those who wish to inhibit or prevent adoption of county wide zoning could continue to tie up planning department resources with litigation issues indefinitely. How did the current resource impasse come to pass under present county leadership (the litigation as related to planning issues was not unexpected – forecast by George Corn for a long time) and most importantly how can it be corrected in a timely manner so that progress can resume going forward?

I refer you to Ben Hillicoss, chairman of Land Use Subcommittee whose numbers are shown below. He is leaving town on trip this afternoon but can be reached on his cell phone during his absence. His numbers appear below.

Thank you.

Rick Fuhrman  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ben Hillicoss [mailto:BenHillicoss@Huntor.Myrf.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2007 7:17 AM

**To:** File

**Subject:** Land Use Subcommittee canceled

Hi All,

In consultation with the other members of the LUS and the Planning department, I have decided to cancel today's LUS meeting which was scheduled for 9:00 AM, because the new documentation is not ready for us to review.

Sorry for the late notice.

Have a good weekend.

Ben

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